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— Documents Review —

In October 2007, President Gail Knowles appointed Marge Bozarth, Charlotte Green, Shirley Sternola and Margene Stroup to the JCEA-R Documents Review Committee. The committee was charged with reviewing and recommending Bylaws changes to the membership.

The amendments recommended by the Documents Review Committee will be considered and voted on at the Annual Meeting on September 24th, 2008. Passage requires a MAJORITY vote of those members voting at the Annual Meeting.

The Bylaws are included in the center of this issue of *The Connection*. The words in **ALL CAPS/BOLDED** are additions; words that are struck through are deletions.

PLEASE BRING THIS COPY WITH YOU TO THE MEETING.

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Fall 2008

JCEA-R Events for your new Calendar !

Sept 5-7 REMINDER (deadline June 1) Grand Lake FAC/Dinner/Why Do Fools Fall in Love?	Oct 12 (deadline Sept 8) Nunsensations! The Nonsense Vegas Revue - Candlelight Dinner Theater w/ NCREA/CARE
Sept 14 REMINDER (deadline July 13) Retro Loud - Heritage Square	Oct 16 (deadline Aug 30) Girls Only—Galleria Theater + Dinner
Sept 16 REMINDER — Glennon Hts Elem celebration	Oct 25 Jefferson's Foundation Crystal Ball
Sept 18 (deadline Sept 1) A Nice Family Gathering—Festival Playhouse Jane Goff Re-Election Gathering	Nov 4 Election Day—VOTE
Sept 19 Colorado Rockies—Jefferson Foundation	Nov 5 Post-Election Wednesday Afternoon Club Las Margaritas
Sept 21 Second Wind Walk/Run/Ride—Jeff Found	Nov 15 Deadline for December Connection
Sept 24 Fall JCEA-R Meeting	Nov 21 (deadline Oct 24) An O.Henry Christmas - Miner's Alley + Table Mountain Inn
Oct 7 (deadline Sept 17) DPAC Tour + Rock Bottom Brewery	Dec 10 (deadline Nov 26) Holiday Luncheon - Mt Vernon Country Club
Oct 11 Great Pumpkin Rally—Lakewood High	

— President's Message —

Labor Day is rapidly approaching marking the end of summer. I hope you all had a great summer.

Fall means back-to-school. This will be a challenge for many educators in Iowa who lost everything in this summer's floods and deadly tornado. A Disaster Relief Effort fund has been started by the Iowa State Education Association to help association members who lost their teaching materials. If you would like to make a contribution, please make checks out to ISEA and put *Disaster Relief Effort* on the memo line. Send checks to: ISEA, c/o Disaster Relief Effort, 777 Third St, Des Moines, IA 50309.

Fall also means JCEA-R will have their **Fall meeting on September 24, 2008**. The meeting will be held at the new JCEA office at 1447 Nelson St, Lakewood.

Come at 9:00 AM to see the new office and visit with friends. We will start the business meeting about 9:30 with plans to finish before noon. We'll discuss and approve the bylaws, have a political update, and other information for you. I hope to see you all there.

The Social Committee is always looking for 'new blood' and new ideas for activities. If you would like to become a member of the committee or have some suggestions for activities please talk to me or Adrean Pepper.

Be sure to check the events calendar. A number of deadlines are fast approaching and you don't want to miss out.

Gail Knowles
JCEA-R President



— CEA Board Highlights —

CEA has had a number of personnel changes the last few months —

- **David DuVall**, CEA Executive Director, resigned in June to accept the position of Regional Director for the National Education Association's Western Region Office (still in Denver).

- **Doug Webb** joined CEA in May as the CEA Assistant Executive Director for Business & Support Services replacing Ron Carlson who retired.

- **Kathy Bridges McMahon** left JCEA after ten years to join CEA Headquarters Professional Staff as State Membership Development Director.

The Board of Directors approved CEA SUPPORT for:

- **Ballot Issue 126** - a comprehensive reform proposal which would deBruce the state from the TABOR Limit and direct all moneys above the TABOR Limit to the State Education Fund beginning in 2012.
- Governor Bill Ritter's "**A Smarter Colorado Initiative**", which will allow Colorado to use its finite resources as an investment in the future by directly helping families and students with the rising costs of higher education.
- **Referendum O** - Constitutional Reform Ballot Measures

CEA is in a statewide coalition titled, '**Protect Colorado's Future**'. Members include CEA, NEA, AFL-CIO, SEIU, and other union supporters coordinating efforts to:

- **VOTE NO on Initiative 47**—Right to Work for Less
- **VOTE NO on Initiative 49**—Paycheck Deception which would prohibit public employees from paying their union dues by payroll deduction
- **VOTE NO on Initiative 59?**—signatures were turned in by the August 4 deadline but it doesn't have a number yet. It would prevent unions and many others from participating in the political process by prohibiting contributions to candidates and ballot issues.
- Gather signatures for the **Colorado Corporate Fraud Initiative**
- Gather signatures for the **Colorado Just Cause Initiative**.

Eddie Ellington, JCEA-R, was appointed for a two-year term on the CEA Awards Committee.

Charlotte Green
CEA Board of Directors, Retired Representative

JCEA-R Membership Report

This is my 2008 "end of the year" membership report! Our fiscal year ends August 31st, and we finally reached my goal of 400! Thanks to the new retirees who have joined us as of August 15th, we have **403 members!!!** All membership letters and renewal forms will be mailed the week of August 17th. If you don't receive yours or know of someone who did not receive theirs by the end of August, please let me know. All annual and new member forms and checks **MUST BE RETURNED TO ME BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 2008.** Letters and membership forms are being sent to all new retirees, but in the past we have found that our list has not been complete. If you know of a new retiree who did not receive a mailing from me, please let me know their name and address, and I will send them membership information. It always helps to invite them personally as well.

Be sure you mark your calendars to join us for our **Fall membership meeting Wednesday, September 24th, at 9:00 AM** at the new JCEA office, 1447 Nelson. The office is located just behind Advanced Auto Parts on the SW corner of Colfax and Nelson in Lakewood. If you need further directions or information, let me

know. I plan to have our new *Membership Directory* ready at that meeting. Bring your \$2 so you can have all of our member's contact information. A note to ALL Annual members - your name will NOT be included in the membership directory if I do not have your check and membership form by September 12th. Our rules and regulations state that all annual members who have not renewed by September 15th, are to be deleted from the membership rolls. So get your renewal forms and checks in to me by the 12th! Don't lose your association benefits! Life members, please be sure I have all of your correct information - like name spelling, address, phone number(s) and email address. It would also be good to include a note that you would like to **receive your Connection via email** so we can keep increasing that list, and cut down on our printing and mailing expenses.

Please contact me (pinkroses3@comcast.net or 303-423-5558) if you have any questions or need membership materials sent to anyone! See you on the 24th!

Hugs,

Lou Ann Elliott

JCEA-R Vice President and Membership Chair

National Education Association Membership 2008

Active/certificated	-	Grew by over 37,000
Educational Support Professionals	-	Grew by over 14,000
Retired	-	up 3.8%
Student	-	On track to be at an all-time high

— PAC Report Fall 2008 —

The PAC committee has recommended the following candidates for the November 2008 election.

HD 22 Camille Ryckman

HD 23 Gwyn Green

HD 24 Winner of primary, Sue Schaefer or Dave Ruckman

HD 25 Andrew Scriptor

HD 26 Andy Kerr

HD 27 Sara Gagliardi

HD 29 Debbie Benefield

SD 16 Dan Gibbs

SD 19 Evie Hudak

SD 21 Betty Boyd

State Board of Education – Jane Goff

All campaigns would love volunteers and additional contributions.

We also have ear marked money for the Jeffco Mill/Bond. We are closely watching the ballot initiatives to see if any action is needed to defeat them.

Janet Weisheit
JCEA-R PAC Representative

What were you doing??

What were you doing this summer? La Von Angus, Betty and Tim Arnold, Laura Banghart, Cam Berthea, Rose Blaschke, Joyce Bresloff, Joyce Brown, Phyllis Burkgren, Cheryl Busch, Carolyn Campbell, Joan Campbell, Linda Carlson, Ken Carmosino, Barb Crindle, Mae and Dave Davies, Sandy Dow, Jeanne Duffy and husband Phil, Lou Ann Elliott, Betty Flaten, Mary Forester, Judith Fries, Dale Gatz, Bev Green, Charlotte Green, Dianne Hammond and Dale Blessing, Bonnie and Rod Hayes, JoAnn and Cal Johnson, Claudia Jones, Carol Kaiser, Margaret Kaschak, Gail Knowles, Lenore Krinsky, Mary Ann and Dennis Larsen, Marie Lindvall, Snow Lopez, Marilyn Mallander, Carolyn Messerly, Barb Montgomery, Alice Muffly, Diane Mulvany, Corine and Chuck Murphy, Susan Niles, Adrean Pepper, Lynn Plank, Lindy Reed, Sue Riach, Stacy Priola (guest), Chuck and Merlene Rose, Ann Rutkofsky, Chris Sera, Shirley Sternola, Sandra Vandehey, Marilyn Vicker, Janet Weisheit, Elizabeth Weller, Marge West (and a friend), Abby Williams, John Young, Kathleen and Robert Zachman were all out enjoying these JCEA-R activities. **Why don't you come join us and share the fun!!**

— Pepsi Center Tour —

Eighteen of us toured the Pepsi Center June 2nd and then FACed at the near-by Brooklyn's. Highlights from our tour included: seeing the Club Level and Luxury Suites (which rent at \$200,000.00 per year), going behind the scenes to see where entertainers prepare for events, and hearing how they convert the arena floor from hockey to basketball to concert and back again. This multi-use facility is one of the most innovative buildings in the United States and well worth a visit!

— Up a Creek Without a Paddle —

The best reward of Venice on the Creek is a simple one--the joy of gliding elegantly down Cherry Creek, relaxing with friends, and enjoying a hot and sunny Colorado day! Like some adventures, this one included a glitch when the first gondola ran onto a sand bar and caused a back up for a bit, but eventually we finished our journey. Thirty-five JCEA-R members and friends enjoyed the fun experience July 23rd. Many also wandered Larimer Square and enjoyed lunch downtown.

— Spring/Summer Hiking —

It has been a lovely hiking season so far. In June, 7 JCEA-R members hiked up Mt. Evergreen in the Three Sisters/Alderfer Park outside (where else?) Evergreen for a view of surrounding mountains - and the growing communities. The thunder we heard as we left the top was gone by the time we came out of the trees and crossed the last meadow, and the clouds kept it from getting too hot.

Our July hike apparently found most people "on vacation," as just two of us hiked to Herman Lake (last minute change of plans) to find fields and fields of our glorious state flower. We missed you and you missed a great day!

Museum of Contemporary Art

The June 26th docent-led tour of the Museum of Contemporary Art was a rousing success! The art was much more understandable and appreciated with some background explanation, and the museum building is exceptional. The whole experience, including lunch at Dixon's, and the walk through LoDo, was enjoyed by all.

— — — Got Party? — — —

If smiles and big appetites mean a good time, then those attending our mountain picnic at Mt Vernon on July 17th had a superb time.

— Gemelli's and Politix —

August 8th, a small but mighty group of JCEA-R members and friends enjoyed a fine dinner at Gemelli's Restaurante followed by *Politix: Showbiz on the Powerbiz* at the Denver Victorian Playhouse. The spoof on CSAP was a highlight.

— — — Chad's — — —

Our annual "Aren't You Glad You Don't Have To Go To Work" on Monday, August 11th at Chad's on Union brought veteran retirees as well as some new ones. We enjoyed the delicious hors d'oeuvres and liquid refreshment in the comfortable patio at Chad's celebrating our delight in retirement with a toast. We added another one for Mae and Dave Davis who were celebrating their anniversary with us!

— Will Rogers Follies —

June 11th, JCEA-R members joined CARE at the Boulder Dinner Theater to see the musical *The Will Rogers Follies*. Everyone was awed by the rope tricks and phenomenal rhythm and dance routines. Will imparted his old fashioned common sense, along with his famous saying — “I never met a man I didn’t like”.

CARE has no Boulder Theater plans for the rest of 2008. See the next *Connection* for 2009 dates.



Thursday, September 18th, the **Festival Playhouse** in Arvada is presenting a special showing of "*A Nice Family Gathering*", to support the re-election of CEA endorsed Jane Goff to the State Board of Education—7th CD. A reception will be held at 7:00 PM, just prior to curtain time. The \$35 tickets include the reception and a \$20 campaign donation. Seating is very limited. For more info and to reserve your tickets, go to www.Goff4Education.org.



— Denver Performing Arts Complex Tour —

Join us for a tour of the **Denver Performing Arts Complex on Tuesday, October 7th**, from 10:00-11:30 AM. The tour will provide a unique look at the Arts Complex and showcase rarely seen areas such as Actor’s Alley and the Tramway Building where all of the props, costumes, lighting and scenery are created for the Denver Center Theatre Company.

We will walk to the **Rock Bottom Brewery**, 1001 - 16th St (16th & Curtis) for lunch after our tour. Tour cost is \$6.00. Send your check made payable to Marilyn Mallander (4012 Meade St, Denver 80211) by **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th**.

Tours begin in the Helen Bonfils Theatre Complex lobby. The price of the tour does not include parking. On-site parking is available in the DCPA parking garage off Arapahoe and 13th Streets or in the Colorado Convention Center parking garage off northbound Speer Blvd and connected to the Arts Complex by a pedestrian bridge.



**An Afternoon
with NCREA,
CARE,
and NUNS.**



Have you heard about the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse? The Candlelight is the newest dinner theater in Colorado, located just south of Johnson’s Corner off I-25. NCREA (Northern Colorado Retired Educators Association) is inviting JCEA-R and CARE to join them **Sunday, October 12th** for *Nunsensations! The Nonsense Vegas Revue*. Matinee seating begins at 12:30 PM.

The \$40.00 group cost includes dinner & show, coffee/tea/soda, gratuity, and tax. Other upgrades can be pre-ordered for the group price when pre-paid with your reservation. Pre-ordered appetizers, wine/beer/cocktails are \$6 each (but you don’t specify which till you get there). Dessert (ice cream or cheesecake) is \$3 (again specify that day). Cost of other desserts/upgrades ordered on the day of the performance can be found at the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse website: www.coloradocandlelight.com

Send your check for your tickets and upgrades to Beth Barzdukas, 5609 – 16th St Lane, Greeley, CO 80634, by **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**. For further questions, call Charlotte Green 970-378-7622 or 720-320-1721.



Girls Only: *The Secret Comedy of Women* is an original comedy for female audiences that celebrates the honor, truth, humor and silliness of being a girl. The two woman cast, who play to only female audiences, returns to Denver this fall at the **Galleria Theater**, 1101 - 13th Street.

It is called "raucously funny" by the Rocky Mountain News, "intelligent" and "astute" by the Denver Post and comes highly recommended by JCEA-R members, Charlotte Green, Lindy Reed, Gail Knowles and Betty Flaten.

We have reserved 24 premier seats for the evening of **October 16th at 7:30 PM**. Tickets including service charge are \$28.00. Snacks and beverages are served before the show and during intermission. **BECAUSE OF THE IMMENSE POPULARITY OF THE SHOW RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 30th, 2008.**

Send a check for the number of tickets you want to Betty Flaten, 8110 West 90th Avenue, Westminster, CO 80021 by **SATURDAY, AUGUST 30th**. Betty will have your tickets at the door that evening. Please include your telephone number so she can call you if there are any concerns or changes.

We will plan to meet at a restaurant near the theater for dinner at 5:30 PM. Those making reservations for the play will be given details on where we are going, etc. around the first of October.

SORRY GUYS!!! THIS ONE IS FOR THE GALS ONLY!!!

When sending in reservations, please send separate checks for each event and be sure to include your phone number in case we need to contact you for any changes.

Remember to contact possible new members and/or retirees to attend our activities. They deserve to join us for all the fun! Getting together whenever we want is one of the benefits of our retirement!!

Jefferson Foundation 25th Anniversary

The Jefferson Foundation enters it's 25th year of support to the students of Jeffco Public Schools with a number of exciting events —

- The Jeffco Community Night as the Colorado Rockies take on the Arizona Diamondbacks on September 19th.
- The Second Wind Walk/Run/Ride: Sept. 21st, 2008 raising funds for teen suicide prevention.
- The Crystal Ball: October 25th, 2008. Honors, food, fun, and Birthday Cake!
- Ask me about the Beemer!

For additional information on any of these events, contact: Anton Delgado 303-982-2212
www.jeffersonfoundation.org

Post-Election Wednesday Afternoon Club

Join JCEA-R members, spouses and friends on **November 5th** for post-election re-hashing and, we hope, lots of celebrating! We'll get together at **Las Margaritas** (10151 W. 26th Ave.—just west of 26th and Kipling) from 4-6 PM.

It would help with arrangements if you let Lindy Reed know you plan to attend. (303-421-9414 or mkhreed@comcast.net)

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An O. Henry Christmas

Directed by Robert Kramer

An O. Henry Christmas is made up of two of the author's much loved stories, "The Gift of the Magi" and "The Last Leaf". These two very different tales of sacrifice and love combine to make a Christmas offering that is at the same time gentle and strong, sad and joyous, and completely right for the holiday season.

Start off your Holiday Season by joining us to see this wonderful performance at **Miner's Alley Playhouse on Friday, Nov. 21st**. We will meet for dinner prior to the play at **Table Mountain Inn** just across the street from the theater.

The cost for the play is \$18. Dinner will start at 5:30 PM at Table Mountain Inn and the play begins at 7:30 PM. Reservations for the play are due by **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24th**. Send your check for tickets to Bonnie Hayes, 965 Field St, Lakewood, CO 80215. (303-231-9981, bkhayes@aol.com) Please let me know if you are NOT going to have dinner with us.

November 15th is the deadline for the DECEMBER JCEA-R Connection.

If you have suggestions or information to be included in the next issue, please contact:

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Elves
Once
Again
Host
Holiday
Luncheon



I know. I know. Who can think about the holidays when we are setting records for heat? But it is time to get out your calendar and plan for December.

Our annual holiday luncheon for members and their guests will be held on **Wednesday, December 10th at 12:30 PM** in the dining room of **Mount Vernon Country Club**. After lunch, we want you to stay for a visit with friends and to enjoy the view.

Once again this year, we are expecting a brief appearance by several of the elves, though due to their busy schedule this time of year, their appearance may be brief. We ask our members to please refrain from asking for their autographs.

The cost of the buffet is \$15.50 per person. The price includes the hot entree and cold salad bar, coffee or tea, tax and tip. You pay for any other beverages ordered. Checks should be made payable to Jeanne Duffy and sent to 10160 W. 33rd Ave., Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033, no later than **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th**. Your check is your reservation and is NOT refundable. If you have questions, contact Jeanne (303) 231-9598.

Mount Vernon's dress code on weekdays in the dining room is business casual, no jeans. It is your chance to dress for the holidays.

To reach Mount Vernon, take I-70 west to the Genessee Park Exit #254. Turn right at the stop sign and follow the road up the hill to Mount Vernon. We encourage you to carpool if you can.

Would you like to join those receiving the color *JCEA-R Connection* and 'Shutterbug' pages via email? Please send your email address to **char@unidial.com**. We'll continue to mail to those who prefer the printed version. Also, if you didn't receive the *Connection* in the manner you requested, please let Charlotte know. The *Connection* and *Shutterbug* pages are also available at www.jcea-cea.org.



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JCEA-R Fall Meeting—**September 24th, 2008** at new JCEA office.
Bring this copy of the recommended Bylaws changes.

Ready to clean out your bookshelves again? Bring some of your "oldies but goodies" to our fall meeting. You can exchange your gently read books for "new" reading.

We are inviting everyone to bring some of your favorite best-sellers to our next general meeting on September 24th. We will have a reading table where you deposit your books. After the meeting, you are invited to help yourself. If you bring 2 books you may leave with up to 2 books, bring 3 books, leave with up to 3 books. You get the idea. Those who bring no books may take any left after participants have chosen what they want. Any leftover books will be donated to a worthy organization.

If this is a successful endeavor, we may continue to trade at every meeting. So if you aren't already, start reading and saving your best selections right away.